

COTTON CROP

Heavy Deterioration Result of Extreme Dry, Hot Weather

Deterioration has been heavy to the cotton crop over the entire belt during the past two weeks. Much of this loss has been due to the natural decline of the plant with maturity. This is especially true in Georgia and the Carolinas, where the promise is still good for an excellent yield. But in the remainder of the belt natural deterioration has been augmented by heavy loss, due to the hot, dry weather, and, in infested areas, to the boll weevil.

In all of the western section of the belt and in Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama, the deterioration, due to dry weather, has been marked, and the promise of the yield has been appreciably cut. A large majority of correspondents in this territory state that the prospect has changed from the best outlook in years 30 days ago to one of the worst of many, many years. The plant is shedding heavily and young bolls are being forced open prematurely by the heat and drought. There is almost solid unanimity of opinion that a top crop is practically out of the question.

In Mississippi, Louisiana and parts of Southern Alabama the second hatching of the boll weevil is doing great damage, and farmers have given up as hopeless all efforts to pick them from the cotton and burn them. The damage in Texas is inconsequential.

An unusual amount of cotton is open for the season of the year, and in spite of the hot weather, picking is going on rapidly, with the result that September ginning figures bid fair to break all records. East of the river there is a disposition on the part of farmers to hold their cotton for even higher prices. There is hardly a single complaint of lack of sufficient labor to gather the crop expeditiously. West of the river continued clear open weather is desired to expedite the gathering of the crop, as it is generally acknowledged that rains would prove of small benefit in promoting further growth of fruitage.

In Tennessee, heavy deterioration resulted from the extreme dry, hot weather, of the last fortnight. Plant usually has stopped growing and fruiting and is throwing off much of its fruit. Young bolls, hardly more than three-fourths grown, are opening rapidly. There is little August or top crop. Picking is becoming general, though somewhat retarded by hot weather.

Mrs. S. P. Taylor

Mrs. S. P. Taylor died Saturday of last week in Holladay. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have lived in Huntingdon for several years until about a month ago they went to Holladay to be with relatives on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor was quite old and had been in bad health for a year or more. The funeral occurred Sunday.

State Missions

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Huntingdon Baptist church had a night and day's meeting devoted to State Missions. A liberal offering was made by the ladies.

The first meeting was Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Foster and was especially enjoyed. All the members of the church both men and women were invited. Special features of the program were the address by the President, Mrs. Foster, on State Missions, the vocal duet by Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Ogle, the songs by Lady Ruth Ogle and the instrumental music furnished by Conway Jenkins and

Miss Nannie Payne. A social hour followed the program during which the society served a delicious ice course. Fricue was also served.

The day meetings Tuesday were interesting and profitable. The morning meeting was at the church and the afternoon with Mrs. G. W. Parish. The hostess served fricue at the afternoon meeting.

EXTRA SESSION

Legislature Convenes and Large Number of Bills Introduced

At the call of Governor Hooper the Tennessee legislature convened Monday afternoon. It was a record breaking day in the history of the legislature in point of number of bills being introduced, there being in all 148 bills introduced during the afternoon. These bills include practically every subject included in the governor's call.

All of the law enforcement measures were gotten through on first reading, though not without some opposition. In the senate when the bill providing for an interchange of judges for non performance of duties was introduced, Senator McAlister made an attempt to kill the bill. Upon the insistence of his colleagues, however he withdrew his motion of rejection, seeing that it would be a failure.

Bills passed on first reading in addition to the law enforcement measure included two amendments to the assessment law, several anti-railroad and anti-corporation bills and a good deal of labor legislation, game, fish and forestry bills, and two pure food and drug laws.

A long and bitter scrap ensued in the senate when soon after convening Senator Fisher, a regular of Shelby moved that a committee be appointed to formulate rules for governing of the senate. Objection was made to the motion by the independents and republicans who held that the rules for the regular session should also serve for the special session. The war of words was concluded by motion of a regular to postpone further consideration of the matter until Tuesday immediately after the senate convened.

In the house a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to draft rules for the special session was adopted and speaker Stanton appointed five regulars and two fusionists on the committee.

Tuesday in both the senate and lower house a bitter fight grew out of the question of rules of order, the fusionists favoring the rules of the regular session and the regulars contending for amendments. The regulars came out victorious in both houses, the vote being 52 to 42 in the Lower House and 18 to 14 in the Senate. These test votes seem to indicate rough sailing for the law enforcement measures. Especially when coupled with the fact that speaker Stanton assigned them to a committee on the liquor traffic composed of a membership made up largely of city representatives with Chamblee, of Chattanooga, chairman.

First Load of Cotton

The first load of cotton marketed in Huntingdon was bought by Watson & Watson Saturday of last week from Joe Bond. Later in the day two or three other loads were bought. The farmers are beginning to pick their cotton and it is expected that in a few days considerable cotton will be marketed.

The first load of the season at Trezevant was marketed by R. L. Bryant.

A. M. Box, of Thayer, Mo. visited his sister, Miss Mary Box last week at Hotel Olive.

BANK REOPENED

Bank of Trezevant Resumes Business after Brief Close

The Bank of Trezevant which has been closed about two months opened up Thursday of last week and is moving along nicely.

The cashier, W. G. Ware was drowned in June and after running a few days following his death the officials of the bank decided to close for an investigation of the condition of affairs. An auditor was employed and the investigation concluded which resulted in the reopening of the bank. It was stated by one of the officials that the bank has been placed in better condition now than it has been in for five years.

It had been predicted by some that just as soon as the bank opened for business that a run would be made upon it by the depositors, but there was not the slightest tendency in that direction. The customers of the bank are showing confidence in the institution and the bank is running along with its old time smoothness.

Town recorder H. C. Smith a man of fine character and good business qualification has been elected cashier. A. A. Argo, formerly a merchant of Holly Leaf, who is an excellent business man has been chosen assistant cashier.

Painful Accident

R. C. Thomsen Jr., a young man who lives 3 miles south of Old Concord in this county, happened to a painful accident Saturday evening of last week. He was riding a mule which threw him. He became entangled in the bridle and in some way the mule either stepped on or kicked him in the face, knocking out five teeth and cutting his jaw open to the bone. Dr. Grey was summoned and dressed the wounds. No serious results followed.

NO OPPOSITION

Three Candidates Win Nominations Hands Down

In accordance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee the first Monday in August when the date for the primary for nominating candidates for county offices was set, that all those candidates having no opposition within ten days of the primary would be declared the nominees of the party, on last Monday J. W. Williams became the republican nominee for County Court Clerk, G. W. Parish for Circuit Court Clerk and W. R. Montgomery for register.

Williams and Montgomery had not had any opposition. Ewin Holmes announced as a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk in opposition to Parish and made the fight until last week when he withdrew from the race leaving an open field for Parish.

The races for trustee and sheriff are lively ones, there being three candidates for trustee and five for sheriff.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Hooper Thinks Work Can be Finished in Allotted Time

In Governor Hooper's message to the legislature, he urges that twenty days is ample time to do all the work that is laid out for the extra session if the members will get down to business and eliminate all unnecessary wrangling, forget partisanship and do their duty to the state. He considers four or five days only will be required to dispose of the 150 local bills. And the general bills, he states, can be expeditiously acted upon because many of them are unopposed, few of them have any political significance and none require special research.

He states that the measures included in the call are mainly there at the request of senators and representatives and emphasizes the fact that there should be no wrangling.

Gov. Hooper speaks particularly of the appropriation bills, the anti pass bill recommending such a law of the road legislation and other measures which he favors. Concerning the back-tax laws and the law enforcement legislation, he states it is his purpose to discuss these questions in separate messages.

Tuesday the Governor addressed himself to the legislature in a special law enforcement measure. He stated that the great majority of the people of Tennessee including all classes, races and political parties, are in favor of the prohibition laws and their enforcement and urged that all who are men should play the part and do their duty. He referred to the nullification of the liquor laws in the cities and made a fling at the mayor of a "city with 500 doggeries."

Henderson Primary

The republican primary held in Henderson county Saturday of last week resulted in the following nominations for county offices: Sheriff, J. F. Martin; circuit court clerk, J. Will Dyer; register, John L. Sullivan, without opposition. County Court Clerk J. W. Page was renominated by about 264 votes over both his opponents, J. A. Deere and G. W. Stewart. Trustee D. F. Resson was renominated by approximately 600 votes over John D. Franklin. The number of votes cast in the county was close to 2,000.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Team Frightened at Automobile Throws Log on Driver

Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock as Mace Surber was approaching the railroad crossing at Cherry street McKenzie, he met an auto and his team became frightened. The machine was stopped and the young man attempted to pass but his team became unmanageable and threw the wagon, loaded with a heavy log, over the embankment into the lot. Mr. Surber was on the wagon and received serious injuries, though

just the extent of his injuries is not yet known. One foot was badly hurt, the ankle of the other was sprained and it was feared that he was hurt internally, but it is believed that the accident will not prove fatal.

Mr. Surber narrowly escaped instant death. The log, in falling, partially lodged against the fence thus preventing it from completely crushing him.

The young man is a son of Seaf Surber, a splendid farmer living near McKenzie. Young Surber was taken to the home of Henry Kemp in McKenzie where proper attention was given him.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

About to be Espoused by Ex-Gov. Patterson say his Friends

The daily papers the first of the week came out with the statement that Malcolm R. Patterson, former governor of Tennessee stands for the law enforcement measures. Mr. Patterson was in Nashville with headquarters at the Maxwell House, and it is said his room was crowded with his friends.

Much interest was manifested on the part of politicians generally as to just what was taking place in these conferences between Patterson and his friends, and particular interest was shown by the Memphis delegation.

Mr. Patterson when seen by a reporter refused to talk. He said: "I have nothing to say now, I am here in Nashville on a periodical trip and am not going to talk any politics."

The friends of Patterson, however did not seem so reticent. It was stated by one, that Mr. Patterson was in Nashville to support the law enforcement measures of Governor Hooper just as they stand. It was also said that Patterson has already lined up all the regulars in the legislature who are his friends for law enforcement and that when the vote is taken on these measures there will be an unexpected vote for them.

It is known so it is claimed that the former Governor has nothing to hope from the present Regular machines in Memphis and Nashville, and it is asserted that by their destruction, if he is willing to forego running for office himself, he would be able to secure the nomination and election of almost any good clean democrat and thus rescue the democracy of the state from its present chaotic condition.

It is believed that Patterson's endorsement of the law enforcement measures is more because of his opposition to Crump and House, the mayors of Memphis and Nashville than from any other cause. He sees in this a chance to hurt his bitter political enemies and at the same time espouse a cause that has a strong following over the state.

Browning - Moses

Mr. Flavy Browning, of Atwood and Miss Carrie Moses, of Hornbeak, were married Wednesday of last week at the home of the brides parents. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance at the marriage. The ceremony was said by Rev. J. R. Williams. Thursday the bridal couple went to the home of the groom's father, J. H. Browning where a reception and dinner was given them.

Mr. Browning is principal of the Atwood High School, an excellent teacher and fine young man. His bride is the accomplished daughter of a prominent family.

Misses Mary and Helen Pafford, Miss Lillian Adams, Bert Larson, and Bertram Presson, of McLemoreville, entered school at Athens this week.

GOOD ROADS

More Work on Memphis-to-Bristol Highway this Week

Work on the Memphis-to-Bristol highway was resumed this week, two busy workings of two days each taking place on the road between Huntingdon and the Benton county line.

The work on this end of the line was done Monday and Tuesday by the Huntingdon Commercial Club and the citizens living upon this part of the road. Judge Wilson Enochs, Lewis F. Johnson and others served as managers. The workmen were divided into two crews, one beginning at Conyers Barn and working to Mebane's Hill, a distance of two and a half miles, the other beginning at Mebane's Hill and working beyond Rosser a distance of about three miles.

Some fine work was done in the way of cutting down hills, widening the road, grading, hauling etc. It is said particularly good work was done on Conyers Hill and in some other localities. There were not so many workmen or teams as on the Old Jackson road, but they were prepared for the work and managed to good advantage, no time being lost, and results were secured.

Wednesday and Thursday the people of Hollow Rock and vicinity have been engaging in a working in elaborate style on their end of the line. With a force consisting of about one hundred men and fifty teams they have been doing duty enthusiastically with road plows, graders, shovels and dynamite and are making a fine showing upon the highway. Geo. W. Foster, county road commissioner, assisted by Priest Kyle H. G. McMackins and others is superintending the work.

The crew began Wednesday near the Benton county line and continued this way. By quitting time to-night it is hoped to complete the line to the point reached Tuesday by the Huntingdon crew.

A big barbecue and picnic dinner was served Wednesday for the workmen near the old Hollow Rock church, a large number of the wives being present with well filled baskets to supplement the barbecue and assisting in the serving.

A similar dinner was served Thursday at a convenient location west of Hollow Rock.

Following we give a letter received from A. Nunnally after the above article was written:

Wednesday Sept. 10
Everything on the B to M highway is working exactly to the program, outlined by the committees having the various matters in charge and the dirt is simply "flying" this morning. It is being seriously considered that we send an invitation to the workers on the Panama Canal, that they send a committee here to see how it is done.

Fifty one baskets have been counted up to 9 o'clock this a.

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Trezevant School

The High School at Trezevant opened last week with a fine enrollment. Prof. E. H. Edwards who has been at the head of the school the past four years is in charge again this year. He has as his assistants Prof. C. F. Pafford of the University of Chattanooga, Miss Julia King, Miss Bessie Hillsman and Miss Maurine Hillsman.

The opening exercises were largely attended by the patrons of the school. The main address was delivered by Prof. J. A. Robins, principal of the McTyeire School at McKenzie. Prospects are fine for a successful year's work.

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